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Work done by peons sanctioned to junior deputy inspectors of schools.

*1488 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the peons sanctioned to the junior grade deputy inspectors are ordered to be under their control during the tour and under the control of the senior grade deputy inspectors while at headquarters in Madura district?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative, the reasons being that the Junior Grade Deputy Inspector forms an integral part of the establishment of the Senior Grade Deputy Inspector concerned. The practice is not peculiar to the Madura district alone.

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi:—"May I know why the peons sanctioned to the junior grade deputy inspectors are to be under their control while on tour only, but under the control of the senior grade deputy inspectors while at headquarters? May I know why this diarchy in Madura district?" (Laughter.)

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"There is no question of diarchy in the office of the deputy inspector of schools. As the answer says the practice is not peculiar to the Madura district alone."

Holding of the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination at Harpanahalli.

*1489 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Harpanahalli in Bellary district is a centre for the holding of Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examinations;

(b) whether it was at any time a centre also for the Government Technical Examinations;

(c) whether any representation has been received from the parents of pupils appearing for the Government Technical Examinations from the western taluks of the Bellary district that the Government Technical Examinations should be held in Harpanahalli also as before; and

(d) if so, what orders have been passed thereon?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) An unsigned petition was received by the Commissioner for Government Examinations.

(d) As the number of candidates appearing from the locality is small and as the cost of holding the examination at the place is disproportionately high, it is not proposed to make Harpanahalli again a centre.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know what considerations influence Government in arriving at a decision on matters like this?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I do not follow the implications of my hon. Friend's question."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"With reference to the answer to clause (d) I want to know whether cost is the only factor that determines the question."